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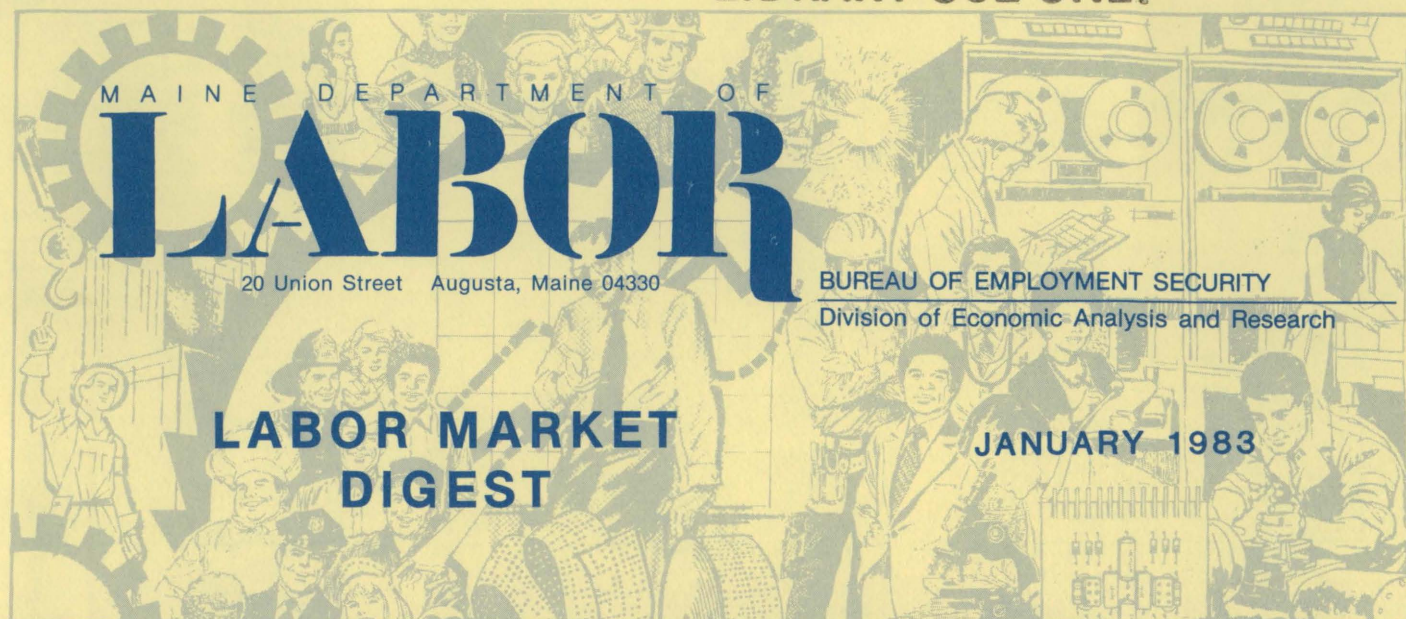
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### **Message from Commissioner Malloy ...**

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS IN MAINE WERE THE HIGHEST RATED IN THE NATION LAST YEAR ACCORDING TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

ACCORDING TO TIMOTHY M. BARNICLE, REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR U.S. DOL, "LAST YEAR THE CETA PROGRAM IN THE STATE OF MAINE ACHIEVED THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SUCCESS IN TRAINING DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE AND THEN FINDING THEM JOBS OF ALL THE STATES IN THE NATION. THE THREE PRIME SPONSORS WHO SERVE THE STATE PLACED WELL ABOVE 2,000 PEOPLE IN UNSUBSIDIZED JOBS. THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS MORE THAN 71 PERCENT OF THOSE WHO FINISHED TRAINING UNDER CETA IN THE STATE. I COMMEND ALL THOSE IN BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT."

MAINE CETA PROGRAMS WERE FIRST AMONG THE STATES IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES DURING THE LAST FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR. THE "ENTERED EMPLOYMENT RATE," WHICH IS THE PRIMARY MEASURE OF CETA PROGRAM PERFORMANCE, WAS 70.8 PERCENT IN MAINE, HIGHEST OF ANY STATE AND FAR ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 47.3 PERCENT.

MAINE HAS THREE SEPARATE CETA PROGRAMS, OR PRIME SPONSORS--CUMBERLAND COUNTY CETA, THE PENOBSCOT CONSORTIUM WHICH OPERATES IN PENOBSCOT, PISCATAQUIS AND HANCOCK COUNTIES, AND THE OFFICE OF MAINE CETA WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMAINING 12 COUNTIES IN THE STATE. THE OFFICE OF MAINE CETA RECEIVED THE HIGHEST RATING OF ANY OF THE 25 CETA PRIME SPONSORS IN NEW ENGLAND.

THE "ENTERED EMPLOYMENT RATE" IS A STANDARDIZED MEASURE USED TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CETA PROGRAMS. IT REPRESENTS THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE TERMINATED CETA TRAINING AND FOUND EMPLOYMENT, EXCLUDING PERSONS WHO TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PROGRAMS. THE STATE OF MARYLAND PLACED SECOND AFTER MAINE WITH A RATING OF 70.7 PERCENT, ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT BELOW MAINE'S RATING. HAWAII WAS THIRD AMONG THE STATES WITH A RATE OF 67.7 PERCENT.

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REGION I, WHICH INCLUDES ALL THE NEW ENGLAND STATES, WAS ALSO FIRST AMONG THE TEN REGIONAL AREAS ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

I WANT TO PERSONALLY CONGRATULATE EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH THE OFFICE OF MAINE CETA FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK IN ATTAINING THIS REMARKABLE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES OF SERVING A WIDESPREAD RURAL GEOGRAPHIC AREA. ALL THE INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH CUMBERLAND COUNTY CETA AND THE PENOBSCOT CONSORTIUM ARE ALSO TO BE CONGRATULATED SINCE ONLY THROUGH THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF ALL THREE PROGRAMS WAS MAINE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE DISTINCTION OF THE BEST IN THE NATION.

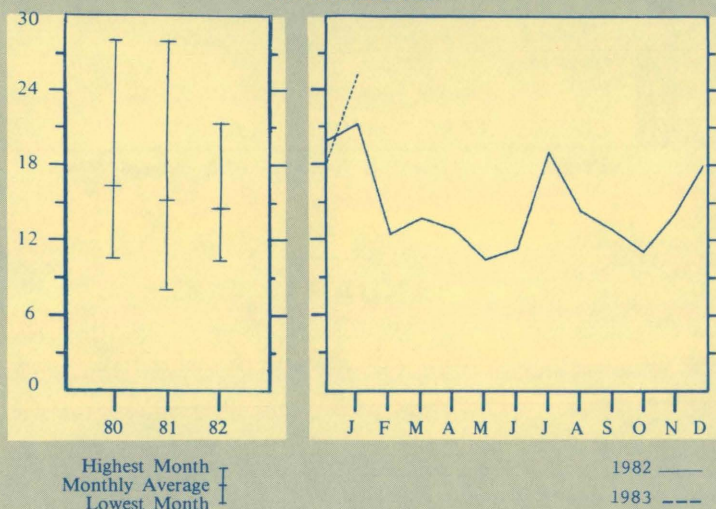
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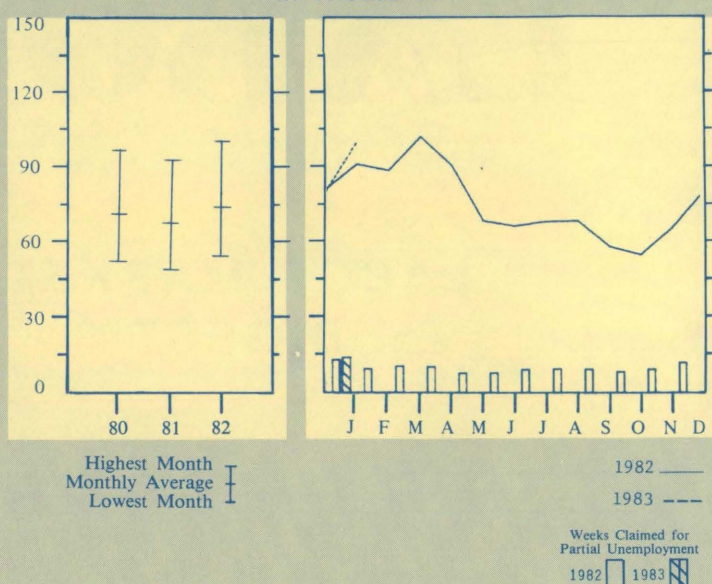
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## UI Initial Claims in Thousands



## UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



### REVIEW OF THE MAINE ECONOMY FOR 1982

MAINE'S ANNUAL AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR 1982 REMAINED BELOW THE NATIONAL RATE FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR. IN 1982 THE STATE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AVERAGED 8.6 PERCENT, SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN THE NATIONAL RATE OF 9.7 PERCENT. DURING 1981 THE AVERAGE RATE FOR MAINE WAS 7.2 PERCENT COMPARED TO A NATIONAL RATE OF 7.5 PERCENT.

ALTHOUGH MAINE HAS WEATHERED THE EFFECTS OF THE RECESSION BETTER THAN THE NATION, UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 7,000 BETWEEN 1981 AND 1982 AS A RESULT OF A CONTINUED SLUMP IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. THE AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS FILING FOR A FULL WEEK OF REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS ROSE FROM 12.7 WEEKS IN 1982 TO 15.4 WEEKS IN 1982.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE DECLINED BY 8,600 BETWEEN 1981 AND 1982. THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR LOST 6,100 JOBS, WHILE THE NONMANUFACTURING SECTOR RECORDED AN EMPLOYMENT DECLINE OF 2,500.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, NATIONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTED TO JOB LOSSES IN A NUMBER OF INDUSTRIES WITH THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DECLINES RECORDED BY LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS (-1,700), TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS (-1,100), AND LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS (-1,500). METALS AND MACHINERY INDUSTRIES COLLECTIVELY LOST 1,200 JOBS, WITH THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL LOSS RECORDED BY FABRICATED METALS (-600).

A BRIGHT SPOT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR WAS EMPLOYMENT IN TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING WHICH INCREASED BY 800 DUE MAINLY TO CONTINUED STRENGTH AT BATH IRON WORKS.

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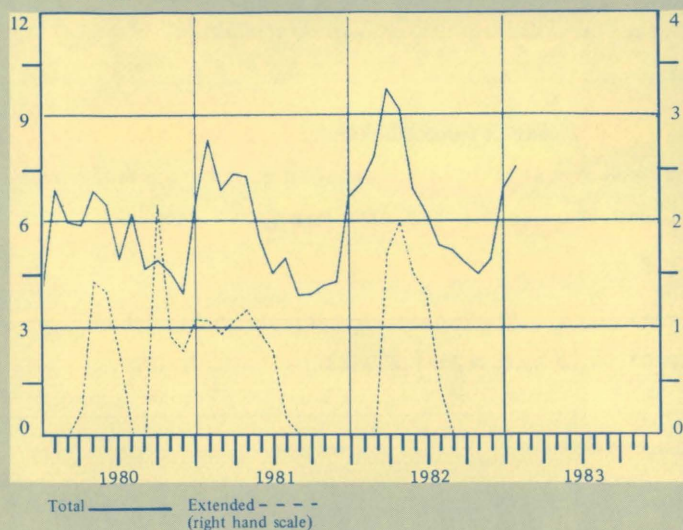
# Selected Employment Security Activities



## UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

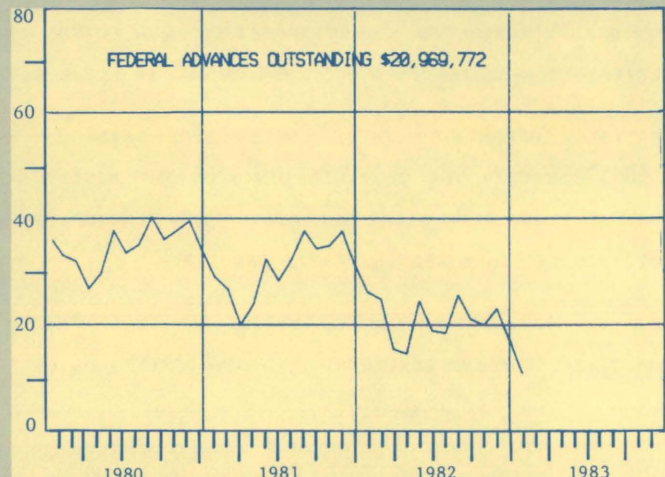
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



## Unemployment Compensation

Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



## Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work in Thousands

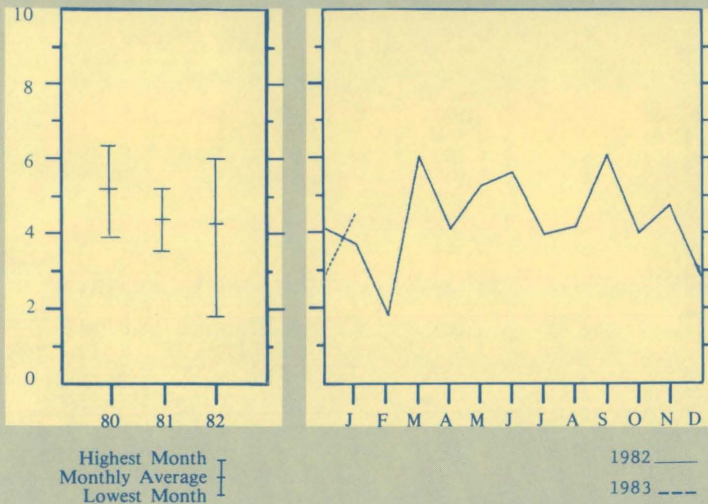
ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary <sup>1/</sup>	397.4	407.9	399.6	94.4	96.8	91.7	32.5	33.7	33.5
Total Manufacturing	104.7	105.6	108.4	16.7	16.8	17.1	10.4	10.5	11.4
Durable Goods	38.1	38.6	40.0	6.4	6.5	7.2	1.8	1.8	2.0
Lumber and Wood Products <sup>2/</sup>	11.6	11.8	12.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.1	14.2	16.4	5.6	5.7	6.4	1.5	1.5	1.7
Other Durable Goods <sup>3/</sup>	12.4	12.6	11.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Nondurable Goods	66.6	67.0	68.4	10.3	10.3	9.9	8.6	8.7	9.4
Food and Kindred Products	8.0	8.2	8.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.9	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.4	6.3	7.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.4	1.8
Apparel	5.0	5.0	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.5	17.7	17.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.7	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	20.0	20.0	20.0	3.4	3.4	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	16.5	16.6	16.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.7	2.6	3.0
All Other	3.5	3.4	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.5
Other Nondurable Goods <sup>4/</sup>	9.7	9.8	10.0	4.7	4.7	4.7	2.5	2.5	2.7
Total Nonmanufacturing	292.7	302.3	291.2	77.7	80.0	74.6	22.1	23.2	22.1
Contract Construction	14.9	17.0	13.7	3.7	4.0	3.6	1.0	1.3	1.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.0	17.5	18.0	5.8	6.0	5.7	1.2	1.3	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	83.6	87.4	84.1	25.1	26.1	24.7	7.8	8.4	7.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	17.9	17.8	17.1	8.5	8.5	7.7	1.6	1.6	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	77.7	79.4	76.9	21.3	21.7	20.1	7.3	7.4	7.3
Government	81.6	83.2	81.4	13.3	13.7	12.8	3.2	3.2	3.0
Federal	18.0	18.0	18.1	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local <sup>5/</sup>	63.6	65.2	63.3	11.9	12.3	11.4	2.9	2.9	2.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. \*Less than 50.

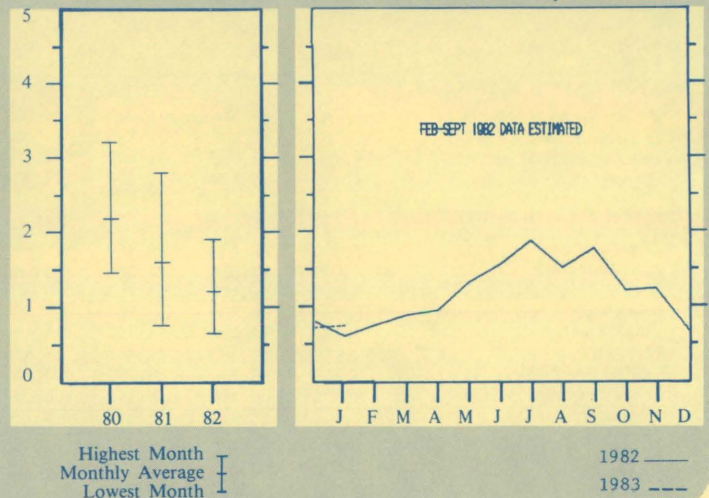


## Nonfarm Placements

### New Applications For Work in Thousands



### in Thousands (Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



## Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1982	1981	1980
<b>STATEWIDE</b>												
Manufacturing .....	\$300.05	\$304.56	\$276.71	39.9	40.5	39.7	\$7.52	\$7.52	\$6.97	\$7.22	\$6.66	\$6.00
Durable Goods .....	324.81	326.41	294.59	40.1	40.7	40.3	8.10	8.02	7.31	7.59	6.97	6.27
Lumber and Wood Products ..	290.97	283.29	269.21	38.9	39.4	39.3	7.48	7.19	6.85	6.87	6.52	6.08
Metals and Machinery .....	296.25	305.78	273.32	39.5	41.1	39.9	7.50	7.44	6.85	7.15	6.61	5.87
Other Durable Goods .....	392.18	392.18	356.17	41.9	41.5	42.1	9.36	9.45	8.46	8.84	7.98	7.09
Nondurable Goods .....	284.65	291.28	266.34	39.7	40.4	39.4	7.17	7.21	6.76	7.00	6.48	5.85
Food and Kindred Products ..	231.04	231.65	213.65	38.0	38.1	36.9	6.08	6.08	5.79	5.84	5.50	5.01
Textile Mill Products .....	221.45	221.20	211.83	39.9	40.0	39.3	5.55	5.53	5.39	5.49	5.17	4.79
Apparel .....	199.97	196.50	183.09	37.1	37.5	35.9	5.39	5.24	5.10	5.23	4.97	4.49
Paper and Allied Products ...	472.93	488.83	441.18	45.3	46.6	46.1	10.44	10.49	9.57	10.10	9.27	8.31
Leather and Leather Products	204.24	205.33	192.60	37.0	37.4	36.0	5.52	5.49	5.35	5.46	5.10	4.72
Other Nondurable Goods ....	249.94	250.78	229.52	38.1	38.7	38.0	6.56	6.48	6.04	6.23	5.75	5.23
<b>PORTLAND SMSA</b>												
Manufacturing .....	284.25	299.30	265.34	37.9	39.8	38.4	7.50	7.52	6.91	7.19	6.49	5.85
<b>LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA</b>												
Manufacturing .....	232.70	239.98	214.64	38.4	39.6	37.2	6.06	6.06	5.77	5.96	5.57	5.08

## Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force *	206.1	208.3	205.2
Unemployed .....	18.9	16.2	16.3
(Percent) .....	9.2	7.8	7.9
Resident Employed .....	187.2	192.1	188.9

\* Preliminary estimates

## U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	293.1	292.4	282.5	292.4
Percent Change for Past Month .....	+0.2			
Percent Change from Last December .....	+0.2			
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago .....	+3.8			



# Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE- Statewide .....	495.3	504.9	494.9	445.9	463.0	448.6	49.4	41.9	46.3	10.0	8.3	9.4
<b>MAJOR LABOR MARKETS</b>												
Bangor-Brewer LMA .....	41,700	42,300	41,000	38,100	39,100	37,600	3,600	3,200	3,400	8.6	7.6	8.3
Biddeford-Sanford LMA .....	31,500	31,700	31,300	28,100	28,800	28,400	3,400	2,900	2,900	10.8	9.1	9.3
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA .....	37,400	37,700	38,600	33,300	34,600	34,700	4,100	3,100	3,900	11.0	8.2	10.1
Portland SMSA .....	94,500	96,100	92,200	87,900	90,200	86,200	6,600	5,900	6,000	7.0	6.1	6.5
<b>OTHER LABOR MARKETS</b>												
Augusta .....	27,810	28,370	28,280	25,210	26,290	25,770	2,600	2,080	2,510	9.3	7.3	8.9
Bath-Brunswick .....	23,630	24,350	22,240	22,140	23,050	20,700	1,490	1,300	1,540	6.3	5.3	6.9
Belfast .....	10,220	10,400	10,160	8,680	8,970	8,660	1,540	1,430	1,500	15.1	13.8	14.8
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset ..	6,520	6,830	6,800	5,750	6,230	6,110	770	600	690	11.8	8.8	10.1
Calais-Eastport .....	13,670	14,030	14,150	11,490	12,200	12,090	2,180	1,830	2,060	15.9	13.0	14.6
Caribou-Presque Isle .....	18,990	19,150	19,440	16,420	16,850	16,880	2,570	2,300	2,560	13.5	12.0	13.2
Central Penobscot .....	3,450	3,540	3,480	3,160	3,260	3,180	290	280	300	8.4	7.9	8.6
Dover-Foxcroft .....	6,670	6,740	6,560	6,110	6,240	6,130	560	500	430	8.4	7.4	6.6
Ellsworth .....	17,930	18,560	18,490	15,750	17,020	16,450	2,180	1,540	2,040	12.2	8.3	11.0
Farmington .....	12,360	12,950	13,140	11,240	12,040	12,100	1,120	910	1,040	9.1	7.0	7.9
Fort Kent-Allagash .....	4,390	4,550	4,520	3,870	4,060	3,850	520	490	670	11.8	10.8	14.8
Greenville .....	1,680	1,780	1,450	1,500	1,600	1,360	180	180	90	10.7	10.1	6.2
Houlton .....	4,640	4,690	4,560	4,030	4,170	4,060	610	520	500	13.1	11.1	11.0
Lincoln-Howland .....	5,340	5,430	5,420	4,860	4,990	5,000	480	440	420	9.0	8.1	7.7
Livermore Falls .....	5,670	5,700	5,610	4,920	5,090	4,940	750	610	670	13.2	10.7	11.9
Madawaska-Van Buren .....	4,180	4,310	4,320	3,460	3,620	3,770	720	690	550	17.2	16.0	12.7
Mechanic Falls .....	2,360	2,350	2,270	1,970	2,030	1,860	390	320	410	16.5	13.6	18.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket ..	5,040	5,080	5,330	4,670	4,760	4,930	370	320	400	7.3	6.3	7.5
Patten-Island Falls .....	2,350	2,310	2,340	2,060	2,060	2,120	290	250	220	12.3	10.8	9.4
Rockland .....	16,730	17,130	16,640	14,770	15,520	14,990	1,960	1,610	1,650	11.7	9.4	9.9
Rumford .....	19,350	19,670	20,310	17,060	17,840	18,130	2,290	1,830	2,180	11.8	9.3	10.7
Sebago Lake Region .....	9,860	10,100	10,170	8,840	9,260	9,290	1,020	840	880	10.3	8.3	8.7
Skowhegan .....	20,640	21,390	19,580	18,030	19,120	16,670	2,610	2,270	2,910	12.6	10.6	14.9
Kittery-York .....	17,330	17,800	16,830	16,310	16,960	16,060	1,020	840	770	5.9	4.7	4.6
Southwest Penobscot .....	7,990	8,040	7,670	6,850	7,020	6,590	1,140	1,020	1,080	14.3	12.8	14.1
Waterville .....	21,450	21,780	22,150	19,410	20,040	20,040	2,040	1,740	2,110	9.5	8.0	9.5
<b>OTHER</b>												
<b>NEW ENGLAND STATES</b>												
Connecticut .....	1,587.3	1,604.6	1,602.1	1,456.0	1,491.5	1,478.2	131.3	113.1	123.9	8.3	7.1	7.7
Massachusetts .....	2,997.0	3,003.0	2,992.0	2,759.0	2,790.0	2,754.0	238.0	214.0	238.0	7.9	7.1	8.0
New Hampshire .....	n/a	482.9	478.7	n/a	448.4	443.6	n/a	34.5	35.1	n/a	7.1	7.3
Rhode Island .....	n/a	488.2	472.5	n/a	434.9	427.0	n/a	53.3	45.5	n/a	10.9	9.6
Vermont .....	n/a	267.8	241.1	n/a	249.7	225.8	n/a	18.1	15.3	n/a	6.8	6.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES ..	n/a	5,847.5	5,786.4	n/a	5,414.5	5,328.6	n/a	433.0	457.8	n/a	7.4	7.9
UNITED STATES 3/ .....	109,800	110,477	108,014	97,300	98,849	97,831	12,500	11,628	10,183	11.4	10.5	9.4

## Area Definitions

LMA - Labor Market Area

SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

## Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.  
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

## Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised. All estimates for other New England States are preliminary.

3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

## Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partial)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants .....	19,596	15,440	20,684	2,496	2,112	2,504	1,526	1,128	1,605
Insured Unemployment Rate * .....	5.1	3.9	5.3	3.1	2.5	3.2	4.8	3.5	4.9

\* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.



IN THE NONMANUFACTURING SECTOR, CONSTRUCTION LOST 1,000 JOBS BETWEEN 1981 AND 1982. GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS HAVE PARTICULARLY SUFFERED FROM HIGH INTEREST RATES AND THE RESULTANT DECLINE IN BUILDING ACTIVITY. AS 1982 DREW TO A CLOSE, FALLING INTEREST RATES PROVIDED SOME HOPE FOR A REBOUND IN THIS INDUSTRY.

EMPLOYMENT IN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE DECLINED BY 1,600 OVER THE YEAR, WITH THE MOST SUBSTANTIVE JOB LOSSES IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES AND FOOD STORES. TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES EMPLOYMENT FELL BY 300 DUE PRIMARILY TO RECESSION-INDUCED JOB LOSSES IN MOTOR FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING. BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS RESULTED IN A JOB LOSS OF 900 IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

PARTIALLY OFFSETTING THESE LOSSES WERE GAINS IN SERVICES (+500) AND FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE (+600). WITHIN THE SERVICES DIVISION THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYMENT INCREASES WERE IN HEALTH SERVICES AND AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION SERVICES. THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE DIVISION BENEFITED FROM INCREASED ACTIVITY IN BANKS AND INSURANCE CARRIERS.

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